

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.  
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present: Mayor Edward B. Morgan  
Mrs. Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor  
Mr. Jason N. Berry  
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys  
Mr. Robert M. Howard

Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk  
Debbie Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Mayor Morgan commented that this meeting was being held to hear presentations from non-departmental agencies requesting funding from the Town.
2. The following organizations made presentations to the Council:
  - Kathi Lowe/Larry Bays – Faith in Action
  - Susan Yates – Arts Depot
  - Marcy Miller – William King Museum and Bill King from Cornerstone Christian Academy
  - Becky Caldwell – Virginia Highlands Festival
  - Susan Howard – Advance Abingdon
  - Martha Keys – Washington County Historical Society
  - Todd Clark – Highlands Soccer Club
  - Charlene Gross – EB Stanley/AHS Technology Student Association

- Jayne Duehring – Barter Theatre
- Ed Roberts, Gary Mitchell, and Jenny Doud – Feeding America Southwest VA
- Eric Clark – Boys & Girls club
- Scott Sikes – Highlands Educational Literacy Program
- Cindy Rockett – Crossroads Medical Mission
- Mike Rush – Abingdon Housing and Development Authority
- Denise Peterson – Appalachian Sustainable Development
- Steve Halley – Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia
- Jan Rainero – Bristol Historical Association
- Melissa Roberts – Symphony of the Mountains
- Daveena Sexton – Abingdon Senior Center
- Linda Fritsch – Animal Defense League
- Donna Price – Holston Mountain Artisans
- Sarah Cardinale – Abingdon Farmers Market

At this time, Council took a 10 minute recess.

3. Mr. Kelly reviewed the Sewer Budget and the amendments as suggested by Council at the April 11<sup>th</sup> budget work session meeting. Mr. Kelly commented that by delaying certain expenditures and increasing tap fees and service fees for County users of the Town's system, the budget was balanced.
4. Mayor Morgan opened the discussion about the non-department requests submitted to Council. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Council would fund Barter Theatre, Faith In Action, Warm, Safe & Dry Program of Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and Feed America SWVA, and Heartwood at the same amount they received for FY 2011/2012. Council further agreed that the Virginia Highlands Festival would be funded at their requested amount which was \$5,000 decrease from last year's request. Council also agreed that the remaining agencies not specifically discussed would receive a 10% cut in funding from the amount allocated in the 2011/2012 FY Budget and that any new requests, not funded last year in 2011/2012 budget, would not receive funding. Council agreed that they would reconsider the budget requests in January 2013 for the agencies that received the 10% cut in funding.

5. Mr. Berry commented about the funding level the County had allocated for the Small Business Incubator.
6. Mrs. Lowe inquired about the Historic Properties Committee and asked that the matter be addressed at the May work session meeting.
7. Mrs. Lowe reported that Edith Hatcher, a lifetime resident of Abingdon, would be turning 100 years old on May 1<sup>st</sup> and asked that the Clerk prepare a Proclamation in her honor.
8. Mayor Morgan reported that his son, Peter, recently competed in the Boston Marathon and placed 1,074<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Morgan declared the meeting adjourned.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk